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SUBJ: COACHES, REQUEST FOR BY GOP

1. ZAKIR H. SYED, DIRECTOR OF THE PAKISTAN SPORTS BOARD, WITH WHOM WE RECENTLY COOPERATED IN PROGRAMMING THE NOVEMBER VISIT OF THE AMERICAN TRACK AND FIELD TEAM, HAS INQUIRED INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING POSSIBLY THREE AMERICAN COACHES FOR 2-3 MONTHS DURING COMING SUMMER TO TRAIN PAKISTANI ATHLETES FOR THE SEVENTH ASIAN GAMES. THESE GAMES TO BE HELD TEHRAN SEPT. 1 - 15.

2. ZAKIR INDICATED GOP WILLING TO PAY PART OF EXPENSES INVOLVED.

3. POST BELIEVES IF SUCH ASSISTANCE COULD BE PROVIDED, IT WOULD GIVE US AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMMING TOOL AND ENABLE US ESTABLISH EVEN CLOSER RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE MOE.

4. USG ASSISTANCE IN SPORTS HIGHLY APPRECIATED AS EVIDENCED BY HEAVY PUBLICITY ALL MEDIA AND STATEMENTS MADE BY GOP OFFICIALS FOLLOWING THE TRACK AND FIELD VISIT NOV.

5. WHETHER THERE WAS A CASUAL RELATIONSHIP OR NOT CANNOT BE DETERMINED BUT TWO PAKISTANI ATHLETES WHO ATTENDED CLINIC WENT ON TO WIN MEDALS IN FIRST ASIAN GAMES IN MANILA.

6. IF ABLE TO PROVIDE COACHING ASSISTANCE, POST RECOMMENDS CONSIDERING YOUNG COACHES TRACK/FIELD AND TENNIS FROM SMALL COLLEGES WHO MIGHT ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT AS CHALLENGE. AS UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPARTMENT KNOWS, SUMMER IN PAKISTAN IS A CHALLENGE.

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